THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN):

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Central Cottage Industries Corporation of India Ltd. is seeking to expand its retail network by opening new emporia on franchise basis in metro cities; State capitals; places of tourist interest and in such countries where there is a significant potential for sale of Indian Handicrafts and Handlooms.

(d) Some of important actions taken by the Government to boost economy and export of textile items are as follows:

* Launching of Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme for modernisation of textile industry;
* Launching of Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme for upgrading infrastructure facilities at important textile centres;
* Launching of a programme as part of Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme for modernisation of weaving capacities;
* Allowing foreign equity participation upto 100% through automatic route in the textile sector with certain exceptions;
* Announcements in consecutive Budgets aiming *inter-alia* at further rationalisation of duty structure in the textile sector to improve competitiveness and reducing costs of machinery critical to technology upgradation;
* Launching of Technology Mission on the Cotton to achieve increasing cotton productivity and upgrade its quality upto international standards;
* De-reservation of woven readymade garment sector from SSI;
* Setting up of Apparel Parks and providing infrastructure facilities therein for encouraging growth and competitiveness of clothing in global market.

12.00 Noon

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I Report and Accounts (2002-2003) of the Rehabilitation Plantations Limited, Pundur, Kerala and released papers.

II Report and Accounts (2002-2003) of the Repatriates Co-operative Finance and Development Bank Limited, Chennai and related papers.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER IN CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table:

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:

(a) Twenty-seventh Annual Report and Accounts of the Rehabilitation Plantations Limited, Punalur, Kerala, for the year 2002-2003, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Company. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 8274/03]

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:

(a) Thirty-fourth Annual Report and Accounts of Repatriates Co-operative Finance and Development Bank Limited, Chennai, for the year 2002-2003, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Bank. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 8275/03]

I Report and Accounts (2002-2003) of the Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited. Kolkata and related papers

II Report and Accounts (2002-2003) of the Goa Shipyard Limited, Goa and related papers

III Report and Accounts (2002-2003) of the Bharat Electronics Ltd., Bangalore and related papers

IV Report and Accounts (2002-2003) of the Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited, Hyderabad and related papers